

In the Specification:

On page 16, line 21, please amend the paragraph as follows:

-- The voltage application conditions for generating the a light shielding pattern in the liquid crystal layer owing to such alignment of a liquid crystal are determined by the factors such as whether the liquid crystal has a negative dielectric constant anisotropy or a positive dielectric constant anisotropy, whether the alignment control film is a vertical alignment control film or horizontal alignment control film, etc. For example, if the liquid crystal has a negative dielectric constant anisotropy, and the alignment control film is a vertical alignment control film, the light shielding pattern in the liquid crystal layer will occur by the alignment of the liquid crystal when a voltage is applied as described above. In this specification, for the purpose of simplification, the explanation will be made, unless otherwise noted, on the preferred cases in which the liquid crystal has a negative dielectric constant anisotropy, and is aligned in the direction vertical to the substrate surface by installing a vertical alignment control film or the like, when no voltage is applied.--